



STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
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STATE SUPERINTENDENT

**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** July 26, 2016

**TO:** Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents  
Public School Academy Directors

**FROM:** Brian J. Whiston, State Superintendent 

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Criteria for Flint Declaration of Emergency Grants

The State School Aid Act has appropriated general funds for the School District of the City of Flint and Genesee Intermediate School District (ISD) for addressing issues related to the contamination of lead in drinking water. Several grants will be issued to the district and ISD for the purpose of caring for children who are or may have been impacted by lead contamination. In addition, funds have been appropriated in the Michigan Department of Education budget for the purpose of expanding access to fresh fruits and vegetables.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the Criteria for Flint Declaration of Emergency Grants as attached to the State Superintendent's memorandum dated July 26, 2016.

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# MICHIGAN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

## Criteria for Flint Declaration of Emergency Grants

The State Board of Education (SBE) has adopted guiding principles and strategic goals for developing Michigan into a top 10 education state in 10 years.

To the extent possible, all grant criteria and grant awards will serve to further attain the above goals.

### **GUIDING PRINCIPLES AND STRATEGIC GOALS THIS CRITERIA SUPPORT**

This grant supports the guiding principles and strategic goals of the SBE and Michigan Department of Education (MDE) by meeting Strategic Goal 4 to reduce the impact of high-risk factors and provide equitable resources to meet the needs of all students to ensure that they have access to quality educational opportunities.

### **PURPOSE / BACKGROUND OF GRANT**

Type of Grant Program:

- New                       Continuing                       Formula  
 Competitive                       Designated in Legislation or MDE Proposal

A state declaration of emergency was proclaimed by Governor Snyder on January 5, 2016 for the city of Flint and Genesee County due to lead contamination of the water supply. General funds were provided to the School District of the City of Flint and Genesee Intermediate School District (ISD) on January 29, 2016 with passage of P.A. 3 of 2016. Additional funding for fiscal years 2016 and 2017 has been appropriated in the state school aid act and MDE's budget. Several grants will be issued to the district and ISD for the purpose of caring for children who are or may have been impacted by lead contamination. In addition, funds have been appropriated in the Michigan Department of Education budget for the purpose of expanding access to fresh fruits and vegetables.

### **CRITERIA**

Date criteria were last approved:   n/a  

Source of Criteria:

- A. Federal Law, Rules or Regulation                       C. Proposed by Staff  
 B. State Law or Rules                       D. Defined in MDE's Approved Grant Proposal to the Funder

Grant funding is based on the following:

#### School Aid Act 249 of 2016

- \$8.3 million to the ISD for early intervention to children under age 5 as of September 1, 2015, as described in the *Early On* Michigan State Plan.
- \$650,000 to the ISD for summer Great Start Readiness Programs (GSRP) and related services.
- \$250,000 to the district for a postsecondary institution to provide summer early childhood programs similar to GSRP.
- \$1,292,500 to the district for school nurses and social workers.
- \$1,195,000 to the ISD for early childhood services and nutritional services.
- \$6,155,000 to the ISD to provide early intervention services for children aged less than 4 years as of September 1, 2016.
- \$1.5 million to the ISD for Great Start Readiness Programs.
- \$100 for water emergency reserve funds (potential future funding).

#### MDE Budget Act 268 of 2016

- \$6.0 million for programs to expand access to fresh fruits and vegetables, specifically:
  - Provide additional reimbursements for meals children receive additional servings of fresh fruits and vegetables.
  - Expand existing pilot programs to allow families with children to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables.
  - Coordinate with local organizations to expand home delivery of fresh fruits and vegetables.

#### **ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS AND TARGET POPULATION SERVED**

Eligible grant recipients are the School District of the City of Flint and Genesee ISD.

Eligible recipients of grants issued from the MDE budget are school districts located in Flint, Michigan, nonprofit and local organizations.

The target population is children attending schools in the city of Flint.

#### **TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE**

\$19,342,600 of general funds in PA 249

\$6.0 million of general funds in PA 268

#### **STATUTE**

School Aid Act 249 of 2016, sections 11o and 11s

MDE Budget Act 268 of 2016, section 401

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